

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 17, 2013, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with the chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, James Ware, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District VII representative James Ware- Board Chair

District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Vice Chair, left at 1:08 p.m.

District II representative Jenny Story- Board Secretary

District I representative Michael Daley

District III representative Leisa Askew

District IV representative Paula Johnson left at 1:10 p.m.

District V representative Esophia Clayborn arrived at 9:38 a.m.

Attorney Ellen Leonard was present from 9:30 a.m. until 11:50 a.m.

Executive Director, Rebecca Goodson, was present for the entire meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the March 21, 2013, Business Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Daley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Leisa Askew, Esophia Clayborn, Michael Daley, Paula Johnson, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposed: none.

A copy of the minutes from the March 22, 2013 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Mandy Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Leisa Askew, Esophia Clayborn, Michael Daley, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Paula Johnson.

Old Business:

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. Two (2) new complaints were received. Two (2) are pending licensee response. Seven

(7) are pending Board investigative committee's review and response. Three (3) have been closed.

b. Diagnosis Bill Update:

The Diagnosis Bill died in the Committee on Health. Discussion was held regarding strategies and actions needed for the Bill to pass next session.

New Board Business:

a. Mandy Andrews presented a program to Public Health on April 17, 2013, regarding Ethics and the Social Work Code. Mrs. Andrews also spoke to the Higher Education Consortium regarding the Diagnosis Bill on April 19, 2013. Rebecca Goodson is scheduled to present at the NASW Alabama Chapter meeting on September 26, 2013, regarding the role of the Social Work Board.

b. The list of new licensees was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

c. Items of Interest

1. Lease quotes: Rebecca Goodson presented information regarding local properties for potential office space. Ms. Goodson will present a specific financial comparison at the next Board meeting.
2. The budget through March 2013 was reviewed and discussed.
3. US Citizenship/Legal Presence Documents were reviewed and discussed.
4. Discussion was held regarding the addition of a question relating to substance abuse to the initial application for licensure.
5. Personnel Updates/Issues: Discussion was held regarding office staff changes and workloads.

Requests:

a. Cheryl Bonnea-Harris from NASW Alabama Chapter addressed the Board to introduce herself, and to discuss the Board and NASW working together.

b. Julie Roberson from ISD addressed the Board regarding database issues. Michael Daley made a motion for ISD to prepare a free business analysis. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Joy Wright addressed the Board regarding a CE waiver.

d. Gwen Gay addressed the Board regarding an expired license.

1. Continuing Education Waiver

a. The Board reviewed and discussed the request of Joy Wright for a CE waiver. Michael Daley made a motion to approve Ms. Wright's request

for a one time CE waiver for 2.5 hours. Jenny Story seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Michael Daley, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining: Mandy Andrews, James Ware, and Esophia Clayborn. The motion passed.

b. The Board reviewed and discussed the request of Marcia Dwigings.

2. Supervision Review

a. The Board reviewed and discussed the questions presented by Judith Johnson regarding licensure supervision.

b. The Board reviewed and discussed the questions presented by Jane Orton regarding licensure supervision.

3. Renewal of expired/inactive licenses

a. Gwen Gay addressed the Board with the request for her license to be reinstated. At 10:42 a.m. Leisa Askew made a motion to enter executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Michael Daley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Leisa Askew, Esophia Clayborn, Michael Daley, Paula Johnson, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: none. At 10:52 a.m. Mandy Andrews made a motion to rise from executive session. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Leisa Askew, Esophia Clayborn, Michael Daley, Paula Johnson, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: none. Jenny Story made a motion to deny Ms. Gay's request for reinstatement. Michael Daley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Esophia Clayborn, Paula Johnson, Jenny Story, and James Ware. Opposed: none. Abstaining from the vote: Leisa Askew and Michael Daley. The motion carried.

4. Legal Reviews

a. The Board reviewed the request of Holly Purcell regarding graduation from an unaccredited social work program and the ability for social work licensure in Alabama. Michael Daley made a motion to deny Ms. Purcell's request. Mandy Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. The Board reviewed the request of April Stevens regarding her LCSW supervision. Mandy Andrews made a motion to approve Ms. Stevens' request pending legal review of Ellen Leonard. Michael Daley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. The Board reviewed, discussed and approved the request of Terry Robinson to sit for the exam.

d. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied the request of Wonda Ware for reciprocity.

Late Legal Review:

1. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the request of Jameka Manuel to sit for the exam.

5. Appeals

a. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied the request of Brenda Allen to reconsider her request for a CE waiver. Jenny Story abstained from the discussion.

b. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied the request of Charlotte Jenkins to reconsider her supervision.

Initial PIP Applications

a. Lynn Burton Clifton:

Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

Denied: Social Work Administration

b. Erin T. DiFate:

Approved: Clinical Social Work

Denied: None

c. Denise M. Green:

Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Research

Denied: None

d. Tiki S. Hubbard:

Approved: Community Organization and Social Work Administration

Denied: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

e. Amber Lamberth:

Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

Denied: None

f. Karen D. Marks:

Approved: Social Casework

Denied: Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration

g. Holly S. Prewitt:

Approved: Clinical Social Work

Denied: Social Casework

h. Raymond O. Sizemore:

Approved: Social Casework

Denied: Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, and Social Work Research

Late PIP Request:

1. Larry Brent Eubanks:

Approved: None

Denied: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

PIP Reconsiderations and Additions:

a. Nancy E. Boyette:

Approved: Social Casework and Clinical Social Work

- Denied: none
- b. Amy M. Kennedy:
Approved: Social Casework
Denied: None
- c. Julie T. Nix:
Approved: Clinical Social Work and Community Organization
Denied: Social Work Research

At 10:55 a.m., the Board took a ten (10) minute break. The meeting reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

Jenny Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2013 in the Board Conference Room

Board Chair

Board Secretary

James Ware

Jenny Story